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DE QUATREFAGES DE BRÉAU.—A letter from the Paris *Société de Géographie* announces the death of its illustrious President, on the 12th of January.

M. de Quatrefages was born at Valleraugue, in the Department of Gard, February 10, 1810.

He studied at Tournon and at Strasburg and, for a time, practised Medicine at Toulouse, where he filled the chair of Zoölogy; but he soon removed to Paris, and devoted himself to scientific studies, and, in particular, to anthropology. His literary activity was great up to the day of his death, and his writings are marked by lucidity, originality, breadth of view and accuracy.

M. de Quatrefages was a member of the Institute and of the Academy of Medicine, editor of the *Journal des Savants*, and professor of the Natural History of Man at the *Muséum*. He was elected President of the *Société de Géographie*, April 25, 1890.

THE GRAND DUKE CONSTANTINE NICOLAÏEVITCH.—A letter from the Imperial Russian Geographical Society brings information of the death, at Pavlovsk, in the night of January 24-25, of its President, H. I. H. the Grand Duke Constantine Nicolaïevitch, for more than twenty years an Honorary Member of the American Geographical Society.

Constantine was the second son of the Emperor Nicholas, and was educated for the naval service with great care under Admiral Lütke, the circumnavigator of the globe.

He was twice President of the Council of the Empire, and for many years Grand Admiral of the Imper-

ial Navy ; but two years ago his health gave way, and he had since lived in seclusion under the care of his physicians.

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.—The following letter brings intelligence of a blow which has fallen upon the Manchester Geographical Society:

44 Brown Street,
MANCHESTER, 28th December, 1891. }

Gentlemen:—We have the melancholy duty of informing you of the death of our revered President. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., LL.D., D. C.L., F.R.S., died December 21st, 1891, and was buried at Edensor, December 26th.

His Grace was the first President of this Society, and took a warm interest in its welfare. He was a distinguished scholar, the Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and the Victoria University. It will be difficult to replace him, and we mourn his loss.

Yours respectfully,

ELI SOWERBUTTS,
Secretary.

H. W. BATES, F.R.S.—Mr. Bates, for twenty-seven years the Acting Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, died in London, February 16, at the age of sixty-seven. He was educated for a mercantile career, but devoted himself to science, and set out in 1848 to explore the valley of the Amazon, where he spent eleven years. His observations are recorded in his book, *The Naturalist on the River Amazons*, approved for all time by Darwin "as the best work of natural history travels ever published in England."